

I AM NAVY MEDICINE: HOSPITALMAN CASSANDRA WINTTER

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Hospitalman Cassandra Wintter stands in Family Medicine Department at Naval Hospital Bremerton (NHB), Jan. 21, 2020. Wintter serves as a team lead for Family Medicine Team 2, working alongside five providers and 11 support staff that care for 5,367 beneficiaries at NHB. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist

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“I am Hospitalman Cassandra Wintter, assigned to Naval Hospital Bremerton (NHB).”

Wintter, from North Pole, Alaska, graduated from North Pole High School in 2009 and is enrolled at American Military University. She enlisted out of Fairbanks, Alaska, in January 2018 after being inspired by her parents.

“Both of my parents are prior military,” said Wintter. “My mother was in the Air Force and my father was in the Army. Their service in part guided my decision to join. I wanted the opportunity that the military would provide for me to continue my education and have the chance to explore the world with my husband.”

Wintter is serving as a team lead for Family Medicine Team 2 alongside five providers and 11 support staff that care for 5,367 beneficiaries at NHB. She is also the corpsman representative for the Intensive Diabetic Care Clinic.

Prior to joining the Navy, Wintter worked from 2010 to 2017 as a licensed foster parent and ran a group home for children that had special needs and was inspired by her job to further her career in medicine.

"I managed a group home for children with special needs, as well as caring for my three adopted siblings that have a multitude of medical disorders," said Wintter. "Being an essential part of their care and conferring with their medical providers was the push I needed to step into medicine."

Wintter described the best part about her career in Navy Medicine as the opportunities that have allowed her to continue to grow in the field.

"Navy Medicine has given me the opportunity to enroll in "C" school to become a respiratory therapist," said Wintter. "This opportunity will allow me to earn my civilian licensure and create opportunities for me to expand my scope of practice as I further my military career."

Wintter will be attending Respiratory Therapy "C" School in San Antonio in August 2020.

When asked how her role contributes towards the Navy surgeon general priority on operational readiness, Wintter said, "my work in patient care, administering vaccinations in the immunizations clinic, reviewing the electronic periodic health assessments, and preventative medicine guidelines all support the Navy surgeon general's stance on maintaining our warfighters as a fit and ready force."

Wintter summed up her experience with Navy Medicine by saying, "through trials and tribulations, Navy Medicine gets the job done to provide exceptional care to our service members past, present, and their families."